

PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR CADETS OF THE UNITED
STATES MILITARY ACADEMY UNDERGOING FLIGHT
TRAINING AND AVIATION INSTRUCTION

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Mr. JOHNSON of Colorado, from the Committee on Military Affairs,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 2446]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2446) to prescribe the pay and certain allowances for cadets of the United States Military Academy undergoing flight training and aviation instruction, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon and recommend that the bill be passed.

The purpose of the bill is to prescribe the pay and allowances for cadets of the Military Academy undergoing aviation training, to provide the special aviation clothing and equipment necessary to such training, and to provide that Government life insurance in the sum of \$10,000 be furnished to each such cadet, such insurance to be continued at the expense of the insured after completion of such training and until he is permanently relieved from duty involving flying. Thereafter the insured may continue the insurance at his own expense if he so desires.

The pay and allowances provided for cadets of the Military Academy undergoing flight training are the same as those presently provided by law for Army aviation cadets.

The reasons in detail for the enactment of this proposed legislation are set forth in the War Department letter which follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, April 9, 1942.

Hon. ROBERT R. REYNOLDS,
Chairman, Committee on Military Affairs,
United States Senate.

DEAR SENATOR REYNOLDS: There is attached a draft of a bill, "To prescribe the pay and certain allowances for cadets of the United States Military Academy

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undergoing flight training and aviation instruction, and for other purposes," which the War Department recommends be enacted into law.

On or about June 1, 1942, courses in flight training and aviation instruction will be instituted at the United States Military Academy. The courses will be optional to cadets of the first, second, and third classes and will be conducted at Stewart Field in the vicinity of the academy. During furlough periods and for certain phases of the course training will be conducted at fields in other parts of the United States.

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to prescribe the pay and allowances for cadets of the Military Academy undergoing aviation training, to provide the special aviation clothing and equipment necessary in such training, and to provide that Government life insurance in the sum of \$10,000 be furnished to cadets undergoing courses of flight training and aviation instruction, the same to be continued, at the expense of the insured, after completion of such training and until he is permanently relieved from duty involving flying. Thereafter, the insured may continue the insurance at his own expense if he so desires.

The bill provides for the same pay and allowances for travel, subsistence, and quarters as are now or may hereafter be provided for Army aviation cadets. This will secure uniformity in pay for aviation cadets and Military Academy cadets in flight training. The pay of \$75 per month, which includes extra pay for flying risk, will be payable during the entire aviation instruction period. The allowances for travel, subsistence, and quarters are payable during that part of the course when the cadets are not quartered at the Military Academy and the training is being conducted at other fields.

Life insurance policies of \$10,000 each are furnished for the period of training similar to those provided for aviation cadets and enlisted aviation students. Provisions for continuing the insurance at the expense of the insured after completion of the course of instruction and training are similar to those contained in S. 2180 with respect to aviation cadets and enlisted men undergoing flight training, which bill passed the Senate January 22, 1942, and was referred to the House Committee on Military Affairs on January 27, 1942.

It is believed that cadets in flight training at the United States Military Academy should be covered by insurance equal to that provided for aviation cadets and enlisted aviation students and should be required to continue the policies upon successful completion of the course of training. Otherwise there may be an appreciable number of cadets who fail to continue their policies upon successful completion of the course and receipt of commissions in the Air Corps. The highest percentage of casualties occurs in this youthful age group, which is quite naturally more inclined to overlook its financial responsibilities to families and dependents.

The financial obligation imposed on cadets by the proposed bill is not believed an undue one. The premium cost to a cadet who has been commissioned a second lieutenant, Air Corps, would be approximately \$6 per month or less than 3 percent of his monthly pay and allowances.

Approximately 80 percent of all Air Corps Reserve officers on extended active duty carry Government life insurance and 99.5 percent of all Regular Army Air Corps officers carry either Government or commercial insurance to an average extent of \$20,000.

The cost to the Government will not be large inasmuch as not more than 300 cadets will undergo flight training in any one class.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the presentation of this proposed legislation for the consideration of the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY L. STIMSON,
Secretary of War.

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